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Thank you for your letter of June 4, 2004 with the Office Action.

We are herewith sending you our comments to the Office Action. Please prepare a response. Regarding this particular case, and then file it to the USPTO by the due date.

Would you kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter by return telefax?

Very truly yours,

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